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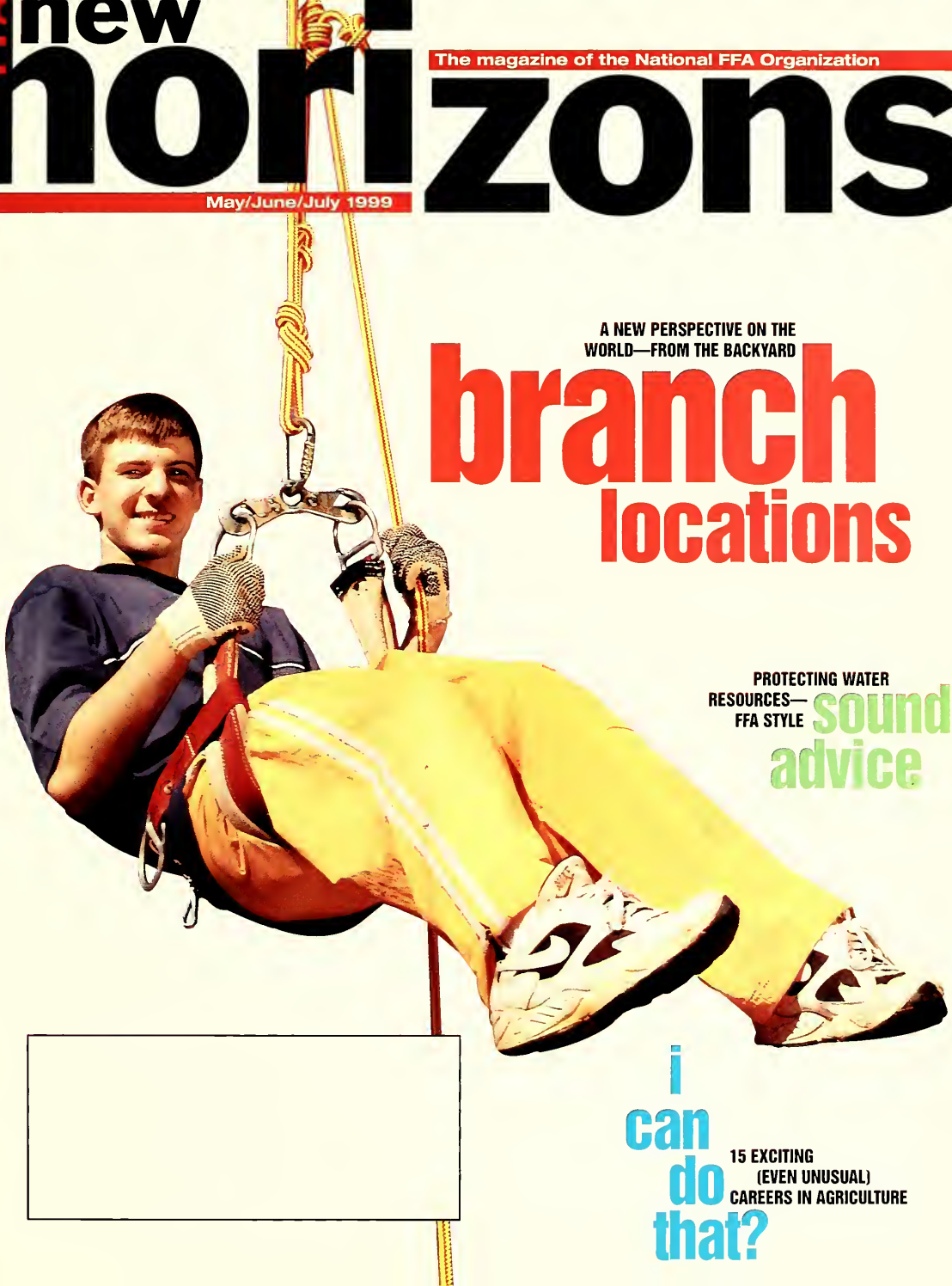

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one on one with

Emily Buxton

Since you became a national FFA officer, have you had much time to play piano or your trumpet?

When I go home, I play the piano for my church. Lisa Ahrens and I play duets together while we're together, and whenever James Garner can find a guitar, the whole team sings together. We all love music.

You just returned from your national officer trip to Japan. In what way was Japan different than how you had imagined it?

I was surprised by how large Tokyo was and yet how quiet and safe it seemed. I had been to New York City one time before, and Tokyo feels much bigger, but we didn't even hear car horns honking.

If you were not a national FFA officer, where would you be at this moment?

I would be in class right now at Ohio State.

What makes you most proud of your home state of Ohio?

It's beautiful. The western part is mostly flat and the eastern part, where I'm from, is hilly. I love having four seasons during the year too. There's also a great diversity in the people—we have big cities, and we have very rural areas as well

What is your dream job in agriculture?

If I could do anything, I would make it possible for everyone in the world to have food. In many places where people are starving, there really is food. There's just not an efficient way to distribute it. That's a problem I would love to help solve.

If you could meet any person in history, who would it be?

Eleanor Roosevelt.

What was your best high school memory outside of FFA?

During my senior year in marching band, we received a superior rating at the state competition. It was very special for the senior class because we had earned a superior rating each of our four years. That was the first time for this to happen for my band director. To see his face and to celebrate four years of hard work with my friends—that is definitely a favorite memory.

What do you like best about college?

I like the opportunity to choose the subjects I really want to focus on. And there are so many choices to make! There's definitely more diversity at college than at my rural high school. ★

VITALS

Hometown: Warsaw, Ohio
Age: 21
Chapter: River View FFA
Advisor: Ray Griffith, Robert Buxton and Jim Rich
SAE: Sheep, beef cattle and soybeans
Education: Sophomore at The Ohio State University
Major: Agricultural engineering
Last good movie seen: Patch Adams
Favorite food: Waffles
Car: '95 Chevy Beretta

TIMELINE

Age

- 14 • joined FFA
- 15 • began SAE with five heifers
- • attended state FFA camp
- 16 • competed in national livestock evaluation CDE
- • served as chapter leadership committee chair
- 17 • played trumpet in state FFA band
- • attended Washington Leadership Conference
- 18 • elected state FFA president
- 19 • worked in radio studio for agricultural broadcaster
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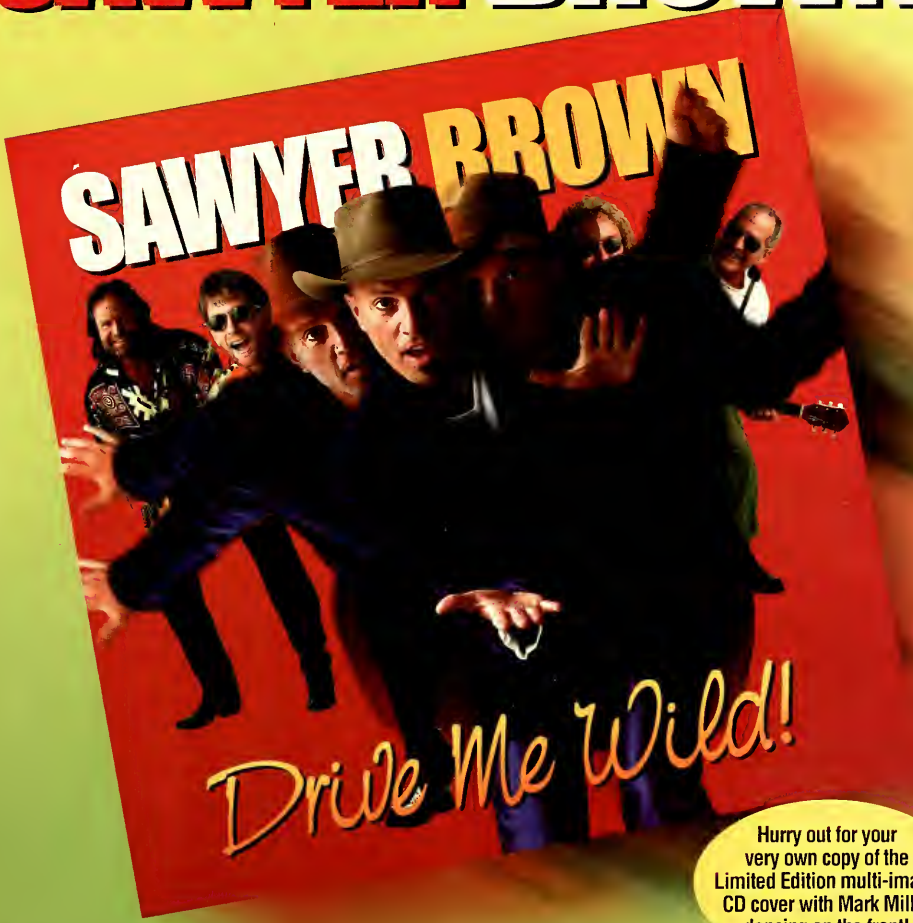

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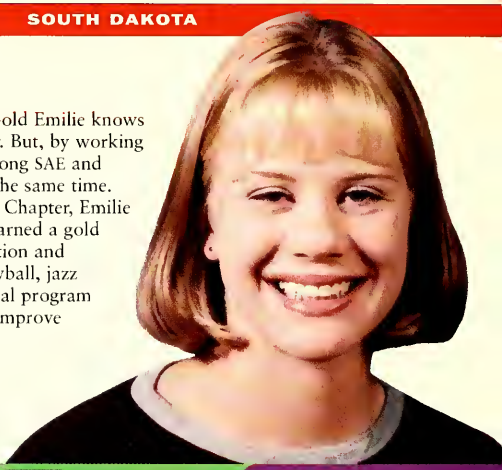

Emilie Tornberg

As an aspiring veterinarian, 17-year-old Emilie knows she has a difficult road ahead of her. But, by working in a vet's office, she is building a strong SAE and learning about her future career at the same time. As a member of the Harrisburg FFA Chapter, Emilie is also a tough competitor, having earned a gold medal at the national Horse Evaluation and Selection CDE. She is active in volleyball, jazz band, church youth group and a local program called "Paint-a-thon," which helps improve area homes.

GEORGIA

Eric Hawley

With nine cows, 2 heifers and a bull in his herd, Eric knows his animals. That's why he's planning to major in animal science when he enters college this fall. A 17-year-old member of the Pelham FFA Chapter, Eric began showing steers as a freshman. He's still at it today. His interest in animals recently led him to a two-day animal science seminar at the University of Georgia. Eric formerly served as FFA chapter treasurer and is now the chapter vice president.

WYOMING

Chandra Preator

When her brothers left for college, they left Chandra a sheep operation they had started for their FFA and 4-H projects. She took it over as a seventh-grader, and she has been lambing, shearing, showing and selling ever since. Now, at age 16, Chandra is the secretary of the Greybull FFA Chapter. With many showmanship and grand champion awards under her belt, she always makes herself available to other members who need sheep advice. Chandra plans to attend Colorado State University.

TEXAS

Casey Barrett

The Hale Center FFA Chapter produced the current Texas Speaker of the House, but there could soon be another leader emerging in 18-year-old Casey, who is the FFA district president. As a member of the chapter's skills and livestock judging teams, Casey is very active in FFA. He works weekends at a local feedlot, helps out at his grandfather's farm and plays baseball, basketball and football. When he has time, he is also involved with a youth group at church.

OREGON

Kelli Perkins

As a North Powder FFA member, Kelli has a motto: Determination is the key. If she doesn't succeed the first time, she keeps trying until she does. Kelli, 17, shows steers, is a parliamentary procedure team member, and devotes time to chapter activities and fundraising. She is also involved in drama and skiing. After living in Russia for six months as a foreign exchange student, Kelli plans to study international agriculture in college and help Russians adapt to private farming.

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FFA HIGHWAY

Story and Photos by Erich Gaukel

Front (L to R) advisor James Harrison, Bill Murray, Jonathan Snow, Bill Calloway, Jeff Bartsch, Partner (dog), Mark Stinson, Carey Dulin, Wayne Woznicki (hidden), Kevin Chelf, Matt Webber and advisor Keith Shane; (back) Randy Jones, Holly Scuse and Candi Breitenbach.

1 Smyrna, Delaware

Delaware, a small sliver of land surrounded by Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and the Atlantic Ocean, was admitted as the first of the original Thirteen Colonies in 1787. Despite its small size (it's 286 times smaller than Alaska), agriculture and FFA are strong in the state. Just north of Dover, the state's capital city, is Smyrna, a town of 7,500 people. The Smyrna Diner, at the junction of two of the town's main roads, is where the talk of the town takes place. Not far from here is Smyrna High School, home of the Smyrna FFA Chapter. With 183 members, it is one of the largest in the state. Here, ag mechanics, aquaculture, greenhouse and crop production are big on the members' priority lists. The chapter also boasts a new animal science lab facility, which was built by the members.

Front (L to R) Melissa McWilliams, Jen McWilliams, Jodi Fetterolf, Luke Zerby, Rose Carper and Heather Hollenbach; (back) Liz Hollenbach, Sandy Opdyke, Maria Trego, Jonathan Hackenberg, Brandon Heckman, Brandon Herman, Daniel Renninger and Michele Fetterolf.

2 Beaver Springs, PA

When I received 28 personal requests from West Snyder FFA Chapter members, encouraging me to visit them for "The FFA Highway," I had no choice but to stop by. Here are some of the reasons they said I should visit: "My brother kissed the Penn State Nittany Lion, and I have pictures to prove it!" (Jennifer Kuhns); "I have four Texas longhorns I would like you to meet." (Scott Burge); "I would like to show you all the heavy equipment I have learned to operate as part of my SAE project." (Ross Mitchell); and "Our chapter has great unity and respect towards each other" (Maria Trego). I met with some of the West Snyder members in the ag shop. As we talked, it became clear that this chapter, which consistently tops the state in the National Chapter Award program, builds its success on the strong camaraderie shown among the members. This is truly a family operation.

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3 Coudersport, Pennsylvania

When FFA member Tasha Weidner e-mailed me, inviting me for a visit to this small, picturesque Northern Pennsylvania town, she told me about the Coudersport Courthouse's Lady of Justice statue, which is one of only five known Lady of Justice statues in this country that does not have a blindfold. Prior to my visit, the famous statue, which symbolizes justice, protection of rights and eternal vigilance, and which graced the top of the courthouse for 100 years, had been removed for restoration. Tasha showed me the statue, which was on display inside the courthouse lobby. As Tasha showed me some of the other historical sites around town, we talked about her family's farm, her eight SAE projects and her chapter of 104 members (of which she is vice president). It turns out her that her chapter, which was chartered in 1930, is one of the oldest in the state. It also has one of the more interesting names around: the Spud Growers FFA Chapter.

Bellefontaine, Ohio

If you're interested in the history of ground transportation, you might want to make a visit to this Western Ohio town (which is pronounced "bell fountain"). This town has the shortest street in the world and the first paved concrete street (built in 1891) in the U.S. Just outside of town, you can drive up Campbell Hill, which, at an elevation of 1,549 feet, marks the highest point in Ohio. Bellefontaine also claims the Benjamin Logan FFA Chapter, a 180-member chapter that takes pride in its extensive Program of Activities, which keeps the members on their toes all year long. Some of the members' favorite activities from last year: The "Leadership Lock-In", where they hosted 170 FFA members from Ohio; the repair and raffling of a donated tractor; a "Kiss the Pig" fundraiser; and the local PALS program. The chapter has a school farm and has recently been developing prairie and wetland areas in cooperation with the nearby elementary and junior high schools.

Benjamin Logan FFA Chapter members at the highest point in Ohio.

5 New Albany, Indiana

He has a virtual zoo at home, so it's no surprise that Jason Hoffman, who graduated from high school in '98 as the New Albany FFA Chapter president, is already taking pre-veterinary classes at a local community college. The interest in animals came from his mom, who is a technician at a local veterinarian's office. Jason has a collection of animals that now includes seven snakes, a duck, six cats, three dogs, two birds and chinchilla. The snakes, which are kept in a huge glass enclosed case upstairs next to his bedroom, include a bull python, a Burmese python, and four boa constrictors (the other was staying with friends the day I visited). As a snake breeder, Jason put together an SAE project that earned a win at the district level and two fourth place finishes at the state level. Using his knowledge of exotic creatures, Jason has made a difference in the community by helping to educate young children about snake safety and handling.

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2. Treat patients
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3. Design a cereal box
Packaging is the name of the game when it comes to selling products at the grocery store. Graphic designers play a huge role in making products appealing to consumers. As a packaging designer, you could find your artwork on the breakfast tables of millions of Americans.
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4. Swim in the ocean
To understand what's going on in salt water environments, marine biologists can often be found in the ocean. Here, they track various life forms and study the effects outside forces exert on underwater natural habitats. The fresh water equivalent of a marine biologist is a limnologist.
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5. Go to weddings every weekend
Flowers are the universal symbol for love. You can find hundreds of them at a single wedding. So, for as long as people continue to get married, it's a pretty safe bet that the market for wedding floral designers will remain strong.
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6. Wave your arms
As a commodities trader at a place like the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, you can spend part of your day waving your arms and making hand signals. It's all part of the daily routine for a trader, who can move a barge full of grain with a flick of the wrist.
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7. Live in Africa
As a Peace Corps Representative, you will be carrying out a mission started by John F. Kennedy in the 1960s. Using your background in agriculture, you can help starving people around the world rebuild their food supplies by teaching them new ways of growing crops and raising livestock.
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9. Invent a new sandwich

If your peanut butter, pickle and salsa sandwich didn't taste as good as you had hoped, you can take consolation in knowing that chefs in corporate test kitchens sometimes go through hundreds of versions of a menu item before it makes it to the fast food restaurant or frozen foods section of your grocery store.

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10. Go behind the camera

When newspapers, magazines and other publications want high quality agricultural photographs, they rely on photographers who know how to capture an image and who have some experience in agriculture. Photographers usually work on location and/or in studios.

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11. Fight fires

When the nation's forests and grasslands are threatened by fire, it takes teams of trained firefighters to battle the blazes. The hours are long and the work is hard and sometimes dangerous. But the rewards can be great. If you love the outdoors and want to get active in protecting our natural resources, grab your gear and head to the hills.

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12. Talk really, really fast

Auctioneers have developed their own unique language which experts have termed "fast." These smooth talkers can move merchandise before you realize it's up for bid. Auctioneering skills are best learned from those who do it, so hook up with a local auctioneer if you're bidding for a fast talking career.

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13. Predict the weather

Ask a farmer what he worries about most, and he'll probably tell you weather and prices. He can't do much about either, but as a meteorologist, you, as a person with your head in the clouds, can at least give him a few days notice when a thunderstorm is moving into the area.

$

14. Spend all day at the golf course

If you've ever watched golf on TV, you know how much rides on a six-foot putt. As a grounds keeper or course superintendent, it's your job to make sure that golfers play on the best possible course conditions. And, if you get your daily tasks done early, you might be able to sneak on the course for a quick nine.

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15. Master the web

As companies scramble to establish a presence on the Internet, website editors and designers (sometimes they are one in the same) have uncovered a booming career area—one that is likely to grow as our reliance on the Internet for purchases and business transactions grows.

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The following 10 FFA members each took the Risk Management Essay Contest challenge and have been named national winners. Ahhh... the view is sweet from the top!

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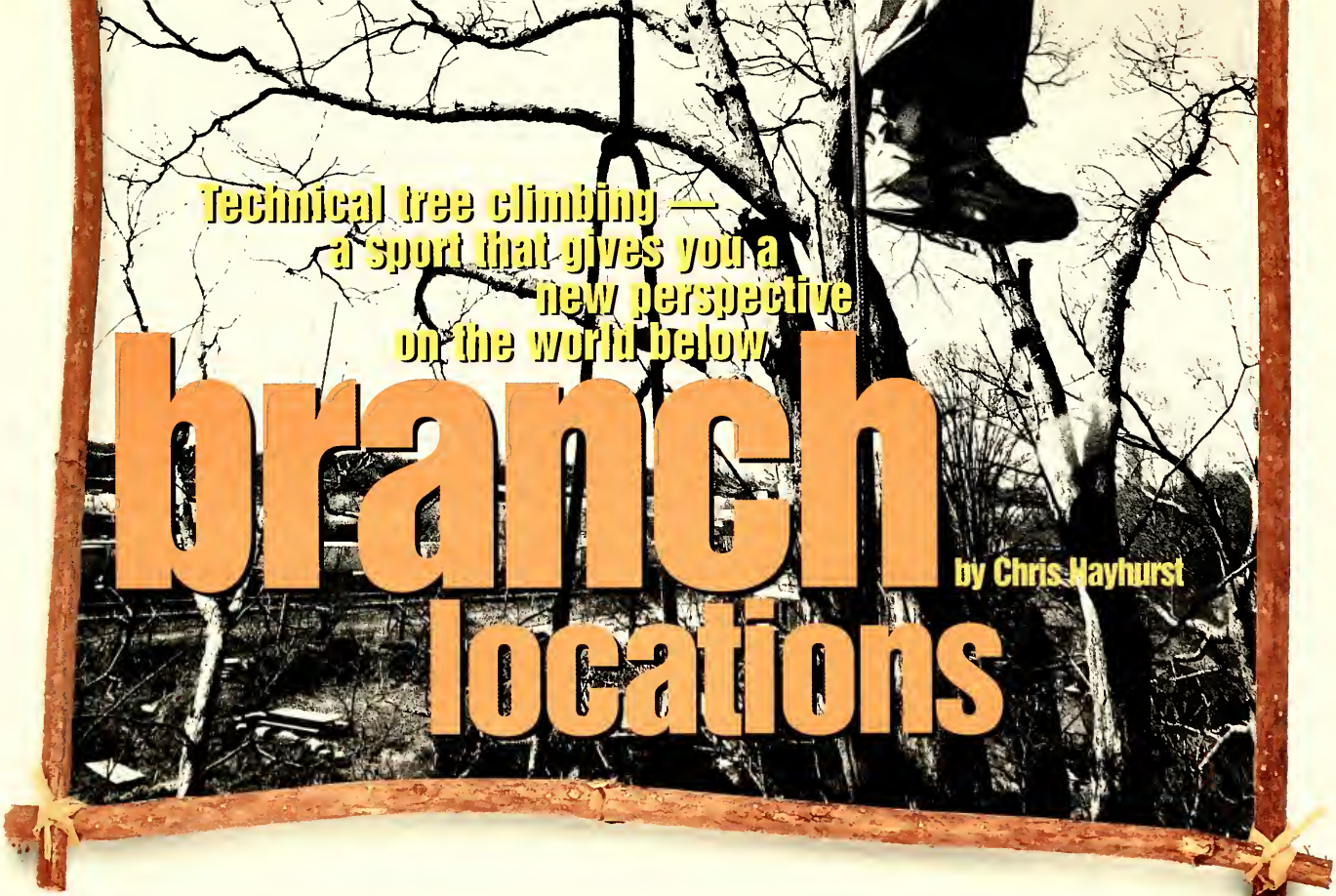
Georgia FFA member Matthew Flanders, who has a forestry SAE project, tries his hand at technical tree climbing.



Technical tree climbing — a sport that gives you a new perspective on the world below

branch locations

by Chris Hayhurst

When it comes to climbing trees, Peter Jenkins might as well be a monkey. Jenkins, better known to his friends as "Treeman," has a talent for scaling trunks to the loftiest limbs, swinging between branches, and making himself comfortable-even rocking himself to sleep—deep within the leafiest canopies. He has no fear of heights, and his fear of falling, if it exists, is quashed by one simple fact: Every time he climbs, he's attached to a rope.

Jenkins, a one-time mountain climber, is the founder of the Atlanta-based Tree Climbers International (TCI), a 500-member group created to promote the relatively unheard-of sport of technical tree climbing.

PHOTO BY STEVE SORAN

Like a rock

Technical tree climbing is similar to rock climbing. The climber, who wears a padded harness called a saddle, first lofts his-or her-rope over a sturdy limb. He then attaches himself to the rope with metal clips called carabiners, and uses special one-way sliding knots to haul himself off the ground and into the air. Upon reaching the first branch he reorganizes, then repeats the process. Eventually he arrives at the top of the tree—or, if that's not the goal, at a particularly comfortable branch. Then, still tied in, he can either lower himself down or, well, just hang out.

"You can do some really radical things in trees," says Jenkins, who once spent an afternoon swinging from the limbs of a large hardwood in the midst of one of the century's most spectacular blizzards. "I went up with all of my mountain-climbing equipment—goggles, everything," recalls Jenkins. "It was snowing like crazy. It was afun climb."

Tree surfing

Other means to high adventure include "tree surfing," when the climber latches himself to a branch as wind pummels the tree; tree-top traversing, when the climber moves from tree to tree without ever touching the ground; and tree camping, which entails hauling up food, a sleeping bag, and a special hammock designed specifically for sleeping high above terra firma.

You needn't be an acrobat or, for that matter, have the grip of a squirrel to get up a tree. Jenkins, who's been teaching people of all ages and abilities how to tree climb since he opened TCI in 1983, says that just about anybody can get involved in tree climbing, as long as they are trained in how to use the equipment and are patient.

"There have been extremely few people who have not been able to make it up the trees," says Jenkins, explaining that there are techniques one can use to bypass the need for a lot of upper-body strength. "You have to have some," he says, "but nothing out of the ordinary."

A new perspective

One of Jenkins' former students, Naomi Waggener, a 15-year-old freshman at Parkview High School in Lilburn, Georgia, has been hooked on tree climbing ever since her first lesson a little more than a year ago, and now can often be found hauling her way up the tree in her front yard. And while she's never spent the night in a tree or weathered a storm from a bird's-eye perch, she has become fond of lounging in her "Treeboat" hammock. "I like the feeling of being up there," says Naomi. "It's indescribable, really. You're up above everybody else, you feel the wind, see the beauty of everything. It's a whole different view."

Tom Watson, a 10-year tree-climbing veteran who specializes in Tarzan-like pendulums between branches and who goes by the nickname "George of the Jungle," agrees. "It's magical," says Watson. "As a kid I grew up on a farm and had special places in the barn—little tunnels in the hay where no one could find me." Tree climbing, he explains, is similar. "Most people never look up," he says. "So nobody ever notices you. And the great thing about it is you don't have to go way off into a forest to do it."

You do, however, need your rope. Unless, of course, you're a monkey.

Liftoff—

Before you get too high off the ground, contact TCI at (404) 377-9663; or visit their Web site at www.treeclimbing.com. They offer introductory tree-climbing classes at their school in Atlanta and other locations, can offer advice on how to put together a climbing group in your region, and can fill you in on all the safety tips you need to know before you go climbing (for example, don't climb a tree that is anywhere near power lines). They can also help you find the gear you need. They also may know of nearby expert climbers who can show you the ropes.

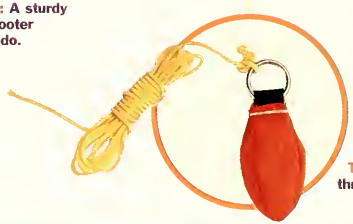
The Gear

If you're going to climb trees—serious trees—you'll need a few important pieces of equipment.

Gloves: Work gloves will do the trick, as long as they give you a good grip on the rope and protect your hands from blisters.

Rope: A sturdy 150-footer should do.

Carabiners: These metal safety clips are used to lock your harness to the rope.



Throw line: This lightweight line is lofted over a branch (using the throw weight) and used to pull the heavier climbing rope into position.

Throw weight: Used to loft the throw line over a branch.

Saddle: The padded harness (you can see one in the photo on the previous page) is designed to make ascents safe and comfortable

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what's HOT

Only here, on our "hot" list, can you see Jerry Springer mentioned on the same page as Leonardo da Vinci. Speaking of Leonardos, the young DiCaprio and "Titanic" have cooled off considerably, along with the World Series champion New York Yankees.

Cheers to the Archbold FFA Chapter in Ohio—they sent us the most "What's Hot/What's Not" surveys.

hot	not
Varsity Blues (movie)	**Titanic**
Pamela Anderson Lee (female actor)	**Rosie O'Donnell**
Adam Sandler (actor)	**Leonardo DiCaprio**
Jerry Springer (tv personality)	**Oprah**
Summer (season)	**Winter**
Earth (planet)	**Mars**
Leonardo da Vinci (artist)	**Pablo Picasso**
pizza (food)	**vegetables**
Cleveland Indians (baseball team in '99)	**NY Yankees**

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Protecting water resources—FFA style

sound advice

by Erich Gaukel

In Guyana, the South American country where Tony Persaud grew up, the local economic troubles are such that people worry about two things: working and eating.

Tony grew up on his family's rice farm there, but making it profitable proved too difficult, so the family moved to Connecticut two years ago, hoping for a brighter future.

Today, Tony is a leader in the Stamford FFA Chapter. He's learning that protecting the environment is important. It's a luxury he wasn't afforded in Guyana. Tony says people there simply don't have time or the resources to worry about the environment—they're too busy making ends meet and getting food on the table. "It's totally different from America," he says.

Protecting the Sound

Through his FFA chapter, Tony is involved in protecting the Long Island Sound, a 110-mile body of water, which separates the southern edge of Connecticut from New York's Long Island.

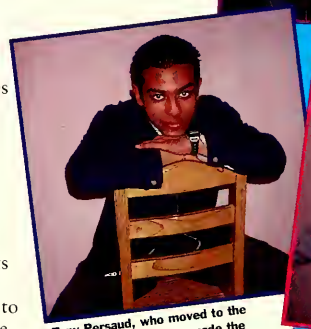
The Sound is home to many underwater creatures and habitats and is used extensively for commercial fishing and recreation. As a result, there is a growing interest among the people who live near the Sound to make it as clean as possible.

Tony is mentoring middle school students in an after school program known as the Water Ecology Workshop, which is a joint effort of the Stamford FFA Chapter and Sound-Waters, an environmental education group that, through hands-on learning and public awareness, is dedicated to restoring and preserving the Long Island Sound and its watershed. (Here, a watershed describes the area of land that drains into the Sound. The Long Island Sound's watershed includes parts of six states and Canada and is home to 13 million people.)

Mentoring the young

As a mentor, Tony takes groups of students to forest preserves, riverbanks and out in boats on the Sound. Here, students get to see, feel and experience the environment. Through discussion and hands-on activities, students learn how the health conditions of soil, wildlife, and vegetation are directly related to the health of waterways draining into the Sound.

By reaching students at an early age, Tony hopes the students will be better informed about the environment when they are adults. He also hopes that they will realize that helping the environment is a luxury that we can't afford to take for granted. ★



Tony Persaud, who moved to the U.S. from Guyana, has made the environment a top priority.

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Q: What do baby ghosts wear on their feet?
A: Boo-ties.
Marilu Isiodoria
Livingston, California

Q: What did the boy candle say to the girl candle?
A: Will you glow with me?
Denis Verkhovtsev
Weyers, Virginia

Q: Why didn't the crab share?
A: Because it's shellfish.
Adam Hubbell
Cushman, Arkansas

Q: What was wrong with the math class's plant?
A: It had square roots.
Kyle Nau
Middleburg, Florida

Q: What can you make with two banana peels?
A: Slippers.
Hannah Crass
London, Tennessee

Q: What did one wall say to the other?
A: Meet you at the corner.
Brenda Tatro
Dell City, Texas

Q: What do prisoners use to communicate with each other?
A: Cell phones.
Jenni Schock
Spencer, South Dakota

Q: What are Santa's helpers called?
A: Subordinate clauses.
John Long
Snyder, Texas

Q: What is a monster's favorite getaway spot?
A: Lake Erie.
Melinda Higinbothom
Brookfield, Missouri

Q: What starts with a T, ends with a T and has tea in it.
A: A teapot.
Jennifer McGrew
Columbia, Mississippi

Q: Why did the hamburgers fly south for the winter?
A: They didn't want to freeze their buns.
Shannon Haag
Center, North Dakota

Q: Why did the book join the police force?
A: So he could work undercover.
Eddie Pugh
Bakersfield, California

Two peanuts walked into an alley and one was a salted.
Paul Schetter
Killdeer, North Dakota

Q: What kinds of beans are not grown in the garden?
A: Jelly beans.
Becki-Jean Brooks
Mango, Florida

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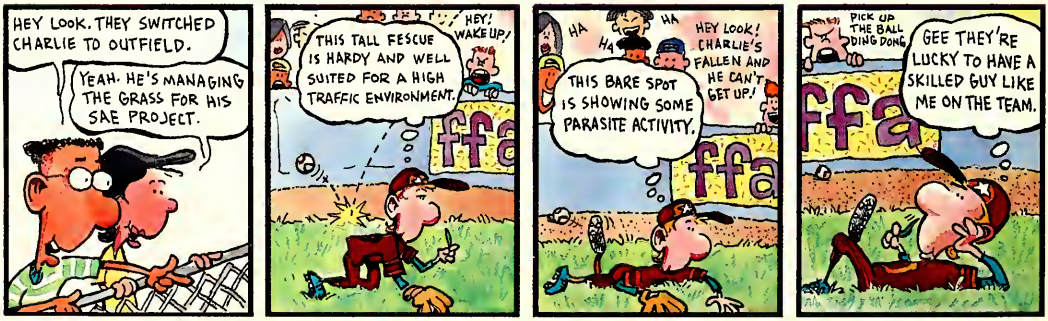
Agrinuts by Jim Bradshaw



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